

March 26, 1974

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I move for the adoption of my motion.

CLERK: The motion is to return it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Return LB826 back to, I've talked to Senator Burbach about this and he's been in agreement that we can take it and discuss it for this purpose.

PRESIDENT: This is on Final Reading, Senator?

SENATOR BARNETT: Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT: You want to return it to Select File for specific amendment?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's right.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: May I ask Senator Barnett a question? Please?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: What's the reason for this?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I would have explained it but I didn't know if the Chair would stop me because I don't know if we're to discuss this at this time. But if we are it's very easy to tell you what it does. It's a very simple thing. Very simple little amendment. It just repeals the state electrical code and the State Electrical Commission. It's not effective, it isn't any good the way it is right now so we're just going to take it back and repeal the whole act.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Is the amendment that all funds be held by the State Treasurer?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's right. The reason they're going to do that is so that they can possibly get together during the in-term and come up with an act, a bill, some kind of laws that they all agree on. At the present time, they're fighting, there's too much fighting going on, it's ineffective. There's no inspection laws, the board is just set up on a voluntary basis, do these people require electrical licenses. They do not have to renew them. There's nothing that's mandatory about it and if we want to do away with it as we've proved through our actions the last couple of years that we don't want to improve the electrical laws, we don't want to make it right, then let's take it back, let's repeal this act, let's let the money stay in escrow while these people try to get together and come up with the proper solutions.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Barnett, do you know how much money is in the account?

SENATOR BARNETT: No, I don't....I could find out for you very quick, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: No, it doesn't matter, I just wondered.

SENATOR BARNETT: Frank says about \$200,000.